

EVERCREECH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of meeting 04 03 25

**Present: Lesley Parham (Chair), Derek Sharp, Rob Reed 7.15, Roy Williams, Gail Wakeford, Murray Stewart, Christian Sellar
2 members of the public.
Lynn Crisp – Clerk**

i)	Public Open Session	Action												
ii)	<p>Somerset Cllr Report Somerset Cllrs were not present for this item. Item was revisited after agenda item 012 RW Proposed to return to item ii Seconded GW Agreed The annual budget will be set tomorrow. Feeding into that will be car park charges. Free parking will end including on a Sunday. Some towns will remain free if the Town Councils cover costs. Q: A371 – 40 mph signs have been painted on the road.</p>													
	<p>Meeting open time 7.00 pm</p>													
001	<p>To receive apologies for absence and to approve the reasons given (LGA 1972 s85(1)) Cllr Stanley – work commitments Absent: Somerset Cllr Sully</p>													
002	<p>Declarations of interests. Council members to declare any interests, including any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Parish Council's Code of Conduct and to consider any prior requests from members for Dispensations that accord with Localism Act 2011 s33 (b-e). (NB this does not preclude any later declarations) None declared.</p>													
003	<p>To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting (LGA 1972 sch 12, para 41(1)) Meeting 04 02 25 Closed session 04 02 25 Proposed GW Seconded RW The chair signed both sets of minutes as true records.</p>													
004	<p>Actions List Clerk updated the actions list.</p>													
005	<p>Finance a. To APPROVE the Payment Schedule Resolution: Proposed: LP Seconded: GW</p> <p>b. To REPORT income received</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="268 1861 1219 1962"> <tr> <td colspan="2">INCOME (JANUARY REPORT)</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>RECEIVED</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>NONE</td> <td></td> <td>£ -</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL INCOME FOR REPORT</td> <td></td> <td>£ -</td> </tr> </table> <p>c. To REPORT payments made via Direct Debit/BACS</p>	INCOME (JANUARY REPORT)			RECEIVED			NONE		£ -	TOTAL INCOME FOR REPORT		£ -	
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	<p>d. Nominate 2 Cllrs to authorise BACS payments. GW LP</p> <p>e. Finance Update Internal audit booked for 04 04 25</p>																																																														
006	<p>Planning 2025/0118/HSE (response deadline request granted) Proposal: Retrospective consent for the conversion of Garage store building to ancillary accommodation. Location: 1 Lower Bagborough Cottages Bagborough Lane Pylle Shepton Mallet Somerset Applicant: Mr. and Mrs S Wheeler Application Type: Householder Application Response: Approve Proposed: GW Seconded: RW Agreed</p> <p>Application Number: 2025/0261/TPO Proposal: G1 - Sycamore - Ivy severed and removed from all tree's low stems. Remove dead wood and rubbing branches. Tag 3071 requires south east crown reduction of up to 6m at suitable lateral branches to reduce overhang of wall & buildings and reduce excess leverage. Remaining three trees to have up to 3m crown reduction on the south side of crowns at suitable lateral branches to reduce the likelihood of further storm damage landing on high value targets. (M1084) Location: The Glen Nursing Home Shapway Lane Evercreech Shepton Mallet Somerset Applicant: Weatherall Application Type: Works/Felling of TPO Trees Response: Proposed: Seconded Refer to TPO</p> <p>Application Number: 2025/0268/HSE Proposal: Proposed single storey extensions to front and rear. Location: Orchard Farm Redlands Farm Lane To Prestleigh Road</p>																																																														

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	<p>Evercreech Shepton Mallet Somerset Applicant: Mr and Mrs Martin Application Type: Householder Application Application Number: 2025/0268/HSE Response: Approve Proposed: RW Seconded: GW</p>	
007	<p>Cemetery a. Update i. War memorial cleaning: The company will visit site to photograph and quote. No date for this has been given. ii. All benches in the cemetery are memorial benches placed there by families and remain the responsibility of families regarding maintenance. Proposal to remove the cemetery benches from the Parish Council asset register. Proposed: LP Seconded: CS Outcome: b. Approve any memorial requests None received.</p>	
008	<p>Park Inspection Reports Queens Road Playing Fields Leave the concrete plinth and keep the offer to residents to place a bench there open for one month. Skate Park</p>	
009	<p>Village maintenance feedback: Mill. Gardens: Arrangements have been made for the remaining laurel shrubs to be cut back. Other shrubs will be cut back lower than usual as part of the maintenance contract. The laurel shrubs have been attended to. Further quote requested to remove bin, liner, lid and concrete plinth. CS will remove the bin liner and lid. Lamp post – several requests for replacement bulbs has been made. Lamp is now working. Quotes requested for: The Cemetery: Shed gutter to clear Bramble and rubbish removal around the shed 2 or 3 piles of foliage to be removed a/w quote Bin Collections The quote received from Somerset Council did not quite reflect the number of bins the Parish Council are responsible for. Clerk to ask for a new quote. Ensure correct number of bins is sent to Somerset Council. CS will highlight the bins on the Parish Online map and list them. CS will email the list to The Clerk.</p>	<p>LC CS</p>
010 a	<p>Bus representative Reported that they attended LCN (Local Council Network) meeting and found it interesting. It feels that weekend and evening bus services need to be put on, but this does not look as though it will happen. Chair thanked the Bus representative for attending the LCN.</p>	
010 b	<p>Village Hall AGM in March. New Secretary has joined the committee. Film nights are going well.</p>	

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010 c	Police report Not received.	
010 d	Building Control communication from Somerset Council Building Control regarding the ex-cricket club building, Queens Road Playing Fields. Cllrs felt this was a successful outcome. Discussions took place. Cllrs asked The Clerk to begin the transfer of deed of release.	LC
010 e	Parish Online mapping update: Good progress has been made. We are currently adding photographs to the asset map. Discussions took place. Chair and CS will meet. Assets will be colour coded.	CS LP
010 f	Annual Parish Meeting (residents and groups invited) Village Hall booked and confirmed for 7 - 9pm on Thursday 15th May Noted.	
010 g	Cllr Sellar has kindly offered to take the role of Footpaths Officer. Resolution required: To appoint Cllr Sellar to the post of Footpaths Officer Proposed: LP Seconded: GW Outcome: Agreed CS accepted the role.	
010 h	Bus stop Prestleigh Road To agree to donation of up to £150.00 for paints and materials for the artwork to be installed inside of the shelter: Proposed: GW Seconded: CS Outcome all agreed.	LC
010 i	Hedges opposite Pecking Mill Inn To monitor height/view from the A371 at monthly meetings.	
010 j	Bath and West Blue Paper notice Licensing Act 2003 To note any objections None made.	
010 k	Victoria Square Evercreech - public consultation notice from Highways: A copy of the draft Traffic Regulation Order and the associated plans may be examined online at www.somerset.gov.uk/TRO . Search for Mendip Order 2012, (Amendment No. 34). If you are unable to access, please contact 0300 123 2224. TROinbox@somerset.gov.uk stating the reasons for their objections and received no later than 21 days from the publication date of this notice. Any objectors will be notified of the council's decision in due course. Noted.	
011	To Note <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Somerset Local Plan Call for Sites ending soon – details forwarded to Cllrs on 22 03 25. b. 'Please pick up after your dog' signs have been ordered for the dog walk/footpath at Weston Town Sports Club. c. Village Cross, Church View. The grant submitted to SUEZ was unsuccessful. SW Heritage continues to look for funding streams on behalf of Somerset Highways. d. SHEPTON (Local Council Meeting) LCN NEXT MEETING – 3 MARCH (details emailed to Cllrs 26 02 25) e. LCN EMERGENCY PLAN WRITING – 4 MARCH. f. Copy correspondence received regarding surface water in Stoney Stratton. 	
012	Agenda items for next meeting Concrete plinth QRPF.	

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	<p>Procedure for expenditure on future projects. VE day celebrations Neales Way car park Quote to remove concrete bin at QRPF To monitor height/view of hedge from the A371 at monthly meetings</p> <p>Cllr Williams proposed to return to item ii (Somerset Cllr was not present for the item). Seconded GW Agreed</p>	
013	<p>Date & times of next meetings: 01 04 25 7.00 pm Evercreech Village Hall (subject to change) Future dates: 06 05 25 Annual Council Parish Meeting, followed by monthly meeting, Evercreech Village Hall, 7.00 pm 15 05 25 Annual Parish Meeting, 7.00 pm, Evercreech Village Hall (Note date changes)</p>	
014	<p>Close of meeting. Name Lynn Crisp Time 7.55</p>	